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Applicant(s): Elizabeth Stanley					
Application No.	Filing Date	Examiner	Customer No.	Group Art Unit	Confirmation No.
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Invention:  
**Plant Collar and Support System**

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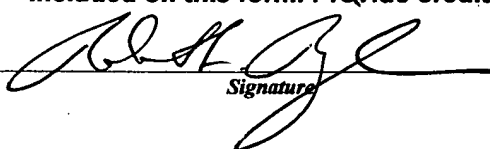
☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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	) Group Art Unit: TBD
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AND SUPPORT	)
	)
Serial No.: 10/786,1462	)
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination on the merits of the above-identified application,  
Applicant hereby submits this Preliminary Amendment with Remarks and Applicant  
respectfully requests consideration of the application as amended hereby.

Amendments to the specification begin on Page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims begin on Page 7 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

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